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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 21, 2007, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.